

A C E L D A M A

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word."

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Game 1967AY, ARMA-8:

Game cancelled!

Missed moves were the rule rather than the exception in this game. After the last deadline I wrote all players asking whether they wanted the game continued or whether they wanted it cancelled. A copy of the circular letter will be enclosed with all copies of this issue of Aceldama except to those who have already received it. Six of the seven players did not reply, thereby voting for cancellation of the game under terms of the letter. One player, Rod Walker, did reply. He wanted the game continued, but only under conditions of replacement of various other players, conditions which were at variance with the instructions for replacement of players which I received from Charles Turner when he handed the game over to me to run.

The game is hereby cancelled, as a consequence of the above facts. I might mention that I have since heard from Rod Walker, the only player who was at all interested in carrying on, and he expresses himself as being glad of the cancellation.

As all seven countries were still alive at the end of 1906 when the game was cancelled, there should be no difficulties with any of the Rating Lists; the game can just be omitted.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking those players who regularly sent in moves, namely, Rod Walker, Larry Peery until his resignation, and Charles Welsh, who replaced the latter after his resignation.

For the record the moves for Fall 1906 are given below:

England Dygert, vice Harris): No moves received. Fleet Western Mediterranean is annihilated. Armies Moscow, Edinburgh, Marseilles, and fleets Livonia, North Sea, and Mid-Atlantic stand.

Germany (Schow): No moves received. Armies Budapest, Galicia, Warsaw, Bohemia, Munich, Berlin, Piedmont, and fleet Gulf of Bothnia, all stand.

Italy (Welsh): No moves received. Armies to fleet

Italy: (Welsh): Army Serbia stand. Army Venice to Tyrolia. Fleet Naples to Tyrrhenian Sea. Fleet Tunis support TURKISH fleet Tyrrhenian to Western Mediterranean.

Austria (Powlesland): No moves received. Armies Vienna and Trieste stand.

Russia (Long): No moves received. Army Ukraine stands. Army Sevastopol is annihilated.

France (Celestre): No moves received. Fleet south coast of Spain stands.

As a result of these moves the powers control the supply centres listed below:

England: 3 home, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Brest, Marseilles, Moscow. 9 in all. Would have been entitled to 2 builds as third impossible due to occupied home centre.

Germany: 3 home, Sweden, Belgium, Paris, Warsaw, Budapest. 8 in all. Had 8 forces on board, no change.

Turkey: 3 home, Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania, Sevastopol. 7 in all. Could build 1 and submitted conditional build for army in Ankara.

Italy: 3 home, Tunis, Serbia, 5 in all. Could build 1.

Austria: Vienna, Trieste. 2 in all. No adjustment.

France: Portugal, Spain. 2. No space for build.

Russia: St. Petersburg. One. No adjustment.

Press Releases:

Byzantium, 13 Sept. 1906. News has reached the Byzantine capital that Infant Prince James has been incarcerated in the Tower by a group of dissident revolutionaries. No confirmation of this news has been received, since all communications with western Europe have been disrupted for over three years. Nevertheless, this news could account for the fact that English armed forces have not received any commands from London for over a year. It is noted, also, that the two countries whose military fortunes seems to have been receiving reverses of late are the two which Her Holiness Pope Joan has laid under an interdict. "Such is the power of Her Holiness," Patriarch Venizelos remarked at a High Holy Bingo Banquet last night.

Symrna, 3 Oct. While visiting the Shrine of St. Mary the Licentious here, Her Holiness announced that She had lifted the excommunication

of the Kaiserin of Germany, "for the nonce". In Her latest encyclical, "Done Nobis Detumesens", Joan II explained that rumours of a break up of the London-Berlin axis had prompted Her action as a gesture of good faith to the long suffering and much put-upon German Empress and Her people.

Peerisheba, 12 Oct. Lawrence Pasha has been captured! Disguised as a sick camel in tennis shoes, the infamous leader of a highly unsuccessful revolt against her Holiness the Empress was finally tracked down in this small village in the south of Palestine. The inhabitants of the twon are all members of a strange sect which worships sick camels. Their rite of baptism is particularly interesting (and nauseating). Poor Lawrence was almost happy to be ~~captured~~ rescued by Imperial troops. He had been used for over two dozen baptisms in the past two days, and his stomach had not been full for more than a couple of hours at a stretch. He was fed his favorite dish (crow) and sent to the Imperial Capital for discipline by Her Holiness.

Malta, 25 Oct. Byzantine Naval Headquarters West today reported that Lorenzo the Yellow, former King of Italy until he deserted under fire, was found adrift near Tunis in a liferaft from the H. M. S. Scurvy, one of the British battleships sunk in action near Sardinia earlier this year. Lorenzo was immediately turned over to representatives of the new King, Carlo the Just, who thereupon hanged him from the nearest yardarm, with al abatross around his neck.

There is probably not much interest in a supply centre chart of an abandoned game. However, there may be some completist statisticians in the crowd, so,

	<u>1901</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>
England	5	8	7	8	9/8	9/6
France	6	5	3/2	2/1	2/1	2/1
Germany	4	4	6	8	8/7	8
Italy	3	4	4	4	4	5
Austria	4	3	4/3	4/3	3	2
Russia	5	4	5	3	2	1
Turkey	5	5	5	5	6	7

Zines: Armageddonia 26 - 37, Aceldama 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13. Games-masters: Charles Turner to Fall 1904, John McCallum Winter 04 to end. Players: England, officially Clive Harris, actually James Dygert during last two years at least. France, Mike Celestre. Germany, Gail Schow. Italy, Larry Peery, resigned Spring '05 and replaced by Charles Welsh. Austria, Steve Powlesland. Russia, Greg Long. Turkey, Rod Walker.

A game whose passing no one will regret.

Publishing Plans

With the cancellation of its final game it seems well to indicate my plans for Diplomacy publishing.

Aceldama, one of its two games completed some months ago and its other game now cancelled, folds with this issue. As its life was shorter than expected cash subscribers have been somewhat short changed. A partial re-imbusement is enclosed with this issue. I had word from Charles Turner saying that he hoped to prepare a summary of the early years of play of the two Aceldama games. However, his letter was written some time ago and I am not optimistic of receiving the report. If it is received it will be duplicated and sent to all Aceldama readers

Vimy Victors. Some time ago John Koning told me that Bob Lake and Derek Nelson found it difficult to publish Jutland Jollies due to the fact that they live in different parts of Toronto. He said that he would be taking over its games but would be unable to take over its first game, 1967AJ, as he is a player in it and wants to play it out. John asked me if I would run that game which I said I would do. The understanding was that there would be one further issue of Jutland Jollies to publish the current moves and to designate the replacement game masters. Somewhat later John told me that there had been a slight change in plans and that the games would likely be transferred without a final issue of JJ. Since then I have heard nothing further either directly from Nelson or Lake, or indirectly through Koning. As about three months have passed since the last move was published, there having been another delay of three months prior to that, and as the game seems to be near its final stages, it seems senseless to wait longer. This issue of Aceldama is going to all players in 1967AJ. They are asked to re-submit moves sent to Lake about three months ago. If Bob Lake gets around to forwarding the moves already on hand, so much the better, of course, but, in any event, let us get on with this game which has hung fire far too long. It is to be published in Vimy Victors.

Laurania. Some time ago Larry Peery told me that he was having difficulty publishing and asked if I would be able to look after the Xenogonic games for a period. I told him that I could and that I would establish Laurania to carry them. He wrote me in mid-March to say that he had second thoughts and would probably just postpone the games. Unfortunately he did not mail that letter until a month later so that I have only recently received it. In the interval several people have written asking about my publishing plans and I told them of the possibility of handling the Xenogonic games for a while. This information, misinformation, as it turns out, has found its way into print in the latest issue of Spald. Larry Perry will continue to run the Xenogonic games but they are being suspended for two months or so. Nonetheless, I think it may be a good idea to publish Laurania anyhow, as an occasional journal of comment on the postal Diplomacy scene.

Single issues of Vimy Victors and Laurania will cost a dime. Extended subscriptions to either, or both, will be at the rate of 100 pages for a dollar. Subscribers' copies, as exchange copies, will often be sent in bundles of two or three issues at a time to save postage.

Calhamer Point Count Rating List (68)

5.3333	<u>John Smythe</u>	1.0	John Beshara
4.0	Charles Wells		<u>Thomas Eller</u>
	Monte Zelazny		Thomas Griffin
3.0	James Dygert		Ed Halle
	John Koning		Robert Kinney
	Don Miller		Paul Leitch
	Jerry Pournelle		Jamee MacKenzie
2.2	<u>Dave Lebling</u>		Jamee Munroe
	Eugene Proenitz		Harold Peck
2.0	Derek Nelson	0.75	Bruce Pelz
	Bud Pendergraes		<u>Ken Rosamalia</u>
1.5833	<u>Larry Peery</u>		Buddy Tretick
1.5333	Charlee Turner	0.5	Frank Clark
1.5	James Latimer		Terry Kuch
	Hal Naue	0.3333	Banks Mebane
1.3333	John McCallum		Rick Brooks
	Charles Reinsel	0.25	Ken Davideon
1.25	<u>Edi Birsan</u>		Don Berman
	Alan Huff		Ken Levinson
1.2	<u>Hugh Anderson</u>	0.2	Chrie Wagner
	Dan Barrows		<u>Chuck Carey</u>
	Mehran Thomson		<u>Cliff Ollila</u>
	Conrad von Metzke		Doug Beyerlein
1.0333	Rod Walker		Sherry Heap

Underlining indicates a player whose score has advanced since the last publication of the listing.

Games Recently Completed (in one way or another).

Games completed in the three months since the last issue of Aceldama are listed below. Numbers in brackets after the name of a survivor indicates number of forces held at game's end. Number in brackets after name of eliminated player, indicates year of elimination.

Numbers between names of two players indicate year of transfer of control.

1966AZ. Diplophobia's PJC. Gamesmaster, Don Miller. WON 1910. Winner: France, David Lebling (18). Survivors: Russia, James Munroe (8). Italy, John Smythe '04 John Koning (4). Turkey, Richard Bryant (4). Eliminated: England, David Francis '08 George Schelz ('09). Germany, Michael Vaughan '03 James Latimer ('09). Austria, Alan Ruff. ('09)

1966BI. Erehwon. Gamesmaster, Rod Walker. WON 1910. Winner: France, Thomas Eller (18). Survivors: England, Charles Carey (12). Turkey, Larry Peery (4). Eliminated: Russia, Mike Santos '05 James Latimer '06 Anders Swenson ('08). Germany, Greg Long ('06). Italy, Charles Alexander '03 Edi Birsan ('06). Austria, Ken Fletcher ('03).

1967I. Diplophobia's PNC. Gamesmaster, Don Miller. WON 1908. Winner: Austria, Paul Budd '05 Ken Rosamilia. Survivors: France, Ron Clavio '04? Edi Birsan (7). Germany, Steve Gordon '04 Hal Maus (7). England, Linn Karamis '06 Robert Johnson (1). Eliminated: Italy, Fritz Hulhauser '04 Margaret Gemignani ('08). Turkey, Margaret Gemignani '04 Dave Bischoff ('08). Russia, Mike Miller '05 George Schelz ('06).

1968J. Graustark. Gamesmaster, John Boardman. WON 1909. Winner: England, Hugh Anderson (18). Survivors: Austria, James Latimer (7). Turkey, Stephen Gordon '02 Jerry White. (6) Italy, Lehman Thomson '06 K. Ruark ? '07 Margaret Gemignani (3). Eliminated: Germany, Jack Chalker '04 Hal Maus ('07). Russia, Thomas Griffin '02 George Grayson ('06). France, Bob Maloney ('05).

1966Y. Lonely Mountain. Gamesmaster, Charles Wells. CANCELLED 1915. Survivors: Turkey, D. Kelton (15). Italy, James Dygert (11). Germany, Will Adams '06 John Smythe '11 Robert Johnson (3). Austria, Dan Brannon (3). Russia, Al Scott. Eliminated: France, Hank Reinhardt ('10). England, John Koning ('06).

1966AE. Costaguana, then ADAG. Gamesmasters, Conrad von Metzke, then Hal Maus. WON 1913. Winner: John Smythe (18), playing Turkey. Survivors: Russia, Margaret Gemignani (15). France, Wayne Gibbs '07 Roland Tzudiker (1). Eliminated: Austria, James Latimer. ('09). England, Clyde Johnson '03 Greg Long '08 Doug Baker (('08). Italy, Louis Curtis ('08). Germany, Gail Schow ('05).

This game was Smythe's fifth win putting the old master at the top of all rivals once more.

1966AO. Erehwon. Gamesmaster, Rod Walker. DMW 1913. Survivors: Germany, Chuck Carey (16). Turkey, Cliff Ollila (16). England, Edi Birsan (1). France, Larry Peery (1). Eliminated: Italy, Frank Busbeck (('06). Austria, Brian Bailey ('05). Russia, Jack Longbine ('03).

1967AY. Aceldama. For details see elsewhere in this issue.

1968R. Big Brother's #8. WON 1911. Winner: Austria, Edi Birsan.
Survivors: England, Bill Connolly (8). Russia, Bob Johnson (6). Italy, Ed Hille (1). Eliminated: France, John Koning ('11). Germany, Paul Watterson ('05). Turkey, Robert Champer ('05).

1968BD. The phone game, reported in Graustark. Gamesmaster, John Beshara. DRAW 1909. Survivors: France, Bob Komada (11). England, Peter Comber (9). Italy, Donald Berman (7). Turkey, Edi Birsan (5). Russia, Bob Champer '05 Bill Linden (2). Eliminated: Austria, Gene Prosnitz ('08). Germany, Bill Linden (('05).

BROBDINGNAG Spare Copies.

Over the last month or so Dick Schultz, the first editor of Brobdingnag, has sent me four packages containing spare copies of the early issues of BROB. As a result I now have spare copies of nearly all issues of BROB. They are available at ten cents an issue with discounts of 20% and 30% for purchases of 25 or more items, and 60 or more items respectively. Note below, however.

One of the most enjoyable features of BROB during the course of its first game, 1964C, was the series of "Reuters Reports". This was a press release series contributed by John Boardman who played England in that game. Many of the people appearing in these reports were actual historical personages of the Edwardian period of our game. Many others were taken from well known works of fiction though sometimes with a considerable change of emphasis. For example, in the accounts of the activities of his friend Sherlock Holmes which Dr. Watson dictated to Conan Doyle, only occasional reference is made to Sherlock's brother, Mycroft Holmes. In "Reuters Reports" things are seen from another and, no doubt, truer perspective: Sir Mycroft Holmes, a prominent government leader, is much to the fore, and his brother, Sherlock, only appears occasionally when some mystery must be cleared up. There are, of course, other characters of John's own invention but, even then, they are often plausibly linked with historical or established fictional figures. Often, of course, John just sent in his Reuters Report in the usual way and it was put on stencil along with any propaganda from other players. However, in BROB #'s 6 - 12, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, Boardman mimeographed these things himself, and sent them to Schultz in a bulk lot and the latter then stapled them to the zine before mailing. Unfortunately, John overprinted to a lesser extent than Dick did. As a result many of the issues which I have now received from Schultz lack the Reuters Reports which should accompany them. On any orders for these things I will send a copy which includes the Reports when I have one, otherwise I will send an incomplete one, unless specifically told not to.

Our game's inventor, Allan B. Calhamer, has recently produced a new game, Hyper-Space. It is a four dimensional, two-man game which takes a half hour to an hour to play. According to Rod Walker who has played the game against the inventor himself, it is very enjoyable. A set costs \$4.95, and may be bought from Allan B. Calhamer, 518 North Spring Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois, 60525.

New Blood

The following have written asking about postal Diplomacy:

Tom Poplawski, 18053 William Street, Lansing, Illinois, 60438.

Jerry Sorek, 23671 Larkshire, Farmington, Michigan, 48024

New Arteries

A newcomer to the Dippy scene is Limbourg Gazette and Bi-Monthly Almanac. Published jointly by Craig Klyver, 6254 Langdon Ave., Van Nuys, California, 91401, and by John W. Turnquist, Jr., 6649 Cedros Ave, Van Nuys, 91405, it offers games at the fee of \$3 for a first game, \$2 for subsequent games.

Also, David Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Pennsylvania, 16510 is publishing "Half 'n' Half". The game fee is \$3.

Remedian Chronicles, (Norman Zinkhan and Gerhard Graebner), 852 Saskatchewan Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, which, so far, has carried only local games, has openings for a general game.

Graustark, John Boardman, 592 16th St., Brooklyn, NY, 11218, has been carrying a series of contests the prize for winning which is entry to a new game, which would seem to indicate that a new game will form shortly. As Grau games normally fill very rapidly hopeful entrants should subscribe to be sure of getting the first possible word of the game.

STOP PRESS! Have just spoken to John Koning on the phone and told him of decision to ask players in Jutland Jollies game 1967AJ to re-submit moves. He stated that he hoped to see Derek Nelson shortly and hoped to get the moves for JJ's other games then. In any event he intends to do for the other games what I am doing for 1967AJ; namely, ask for resubmission of moves.

Due to the strike of air mechanics now in progress, mail to and from Canada is likely to be slower than usual.